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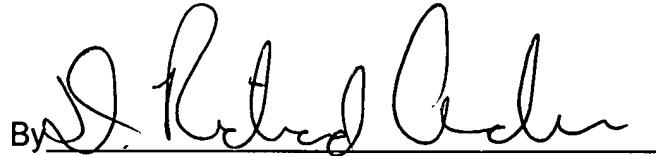
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001, the following amendment, election of species, and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 57, line 31 and continuing onto page 58, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Sub E1
Fig. 22 shows a recording pattern of the packet. It illustrates, in two-dimensional representation, the data of five sync blocks consecutive on the tape region in which transparent recording is made. In the drawing, reference numeral 141 denotes a data region of 77 bytes in one sync block, and the five rows respectively represent data of five sync blocks. Reference numerals 142 to 144 denote data of the first packet read from the buffer 108. Reference numerals 145 to 147 denote data of the second packet read from the
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